

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-11 (Canceled)

12. (Original) A mixed toner discharge control method for an image forming apparatus having a first developing device that performs development using a first toner, a second developing device that performs development using a second toner, a third developing device that performs development using a third toner and a fourth developing device that performs development using a fourth toner, wherein a toner image using the first toner is first formed on a paper supplied, following which a toner image using the second toner is formed in an overlapping manner, a toner image using the third toner is formed in an overlapping manner and then a toner image using the fourth toner is formed in an overlapping manner, the method comprising:

controlling a discharge operation for the first toner mixed in the second developing device, in accordance with an integrated area developed by the first developing device and an integrated area developed by the second developing device;

controlling a discharge operation for the first and second toners mixed in the third developing device, in accordance with an integrated area developed by the first developing device, an integrated area developed by the second developing device and an integrated area developed by the third developing device; and

controlling a discharge operation for the first, second and third toners mixed in the fourth developing device, in accordance with an integrated area developed by the first developing device, an integrated area developed by the second developing device, an integrated area developed by the third developing device and an integrated area developed by the fourth developing device.